

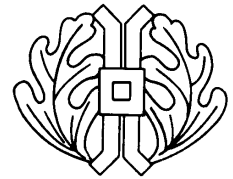
PREVENTIVE LAW SERIES

SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS

NAVY



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WHO ARE YOUR DEPENDENTS?

Your dependents are your spouse (Husband OR Wife) and your minor children. You have a duty to support your dependents.

HOW MUCH DO I HAVE TO GIVE AS SUPPORT?

In the absence of a court order or a mutually agreed-upon signed agreement between the spouses, the Navy has guidelines as to what constitutes an appropriate amount of support. The guidelines that the Navy has established are **NOT** set in stone. The amount can increase or decrease according to the particular circumstances of your situation.

WHAT ARE THE NAVY'S GUIDELINES?

Relationship and number of dependents	Amount
Spouse only	1/3 gross pay
Spouse and 1 minor child	1/2 gross pay
Spouse and 2 or more minor children	3/5 gross pay
One minor child and No spouse	1/6 gross pay
Two minor children and no spouse	1/4 gross pay
Three or more minor children and no spouse	1/3 gross pay

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR GROSS PAY?

Your gross pay **ONLY** includes your base pay and your housing allowance. It does not include hazardous duty pay, sea or foreign duty pay, incentive pay, or basic allowance for subsistence.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NON-SUPPORT?

Upon receiving a complaint of nonsupport, a command is required to interview the member and inform the member of the Navy's policy regarding support of one's dependents. If the nonsupport continues, a command may consider the use of officer fitreps, enlisted evals, administrative separation, non-judicial punishment, and even a recommendation for court-martial.

Legal Assistance Appointments:

For an appointment to see a legal assistance attorney, please contact the Legal Assistance Office, located in Building 610, Naval Air Station North Island, by telephone at (619) 545-6278.

RESOURCES:

MILPERSMAN Section 1754-030

Defense Finance and Accounting Service: <http://www.dfas.mil/>